And, thereupon, give me your daughter.
FR. KING. Take her, fair son; and from her
blood raise up
Issue to me : that the contending kingdoms
Of France and England, whose very shores look pale
With envy of each other's happiness,
May cease their hatred; and this dear conjunction
Plant neighbourhood and christian-like accord
In their sweet bosoms, that never war advance
His bleeding sword 'twixt England and fair France.
ALL. Amen!
K. HEN. Now welcome, Kate:—and bear me
witness all,
That here I kiss her as my sovereign queen.
Flourish.
Q. Isd. God, the best maker of all marriages,
Combine your hearts in one, your realms in one!
As man and wife, being two, are one in love,"
So be there 'twixt your kingdoms such a spousal,
That never may ill office, or fell jealousy,
Which troubles oft the bed of blessed marriage,
Thrust in between the paction of these kingdoms
To make divorce of their incorporate league ;
That English may as French, French Englishmen,
Receive each other !—God speak this Amen 1
ALL. Amen!
K. HEN. Prepare we for our marriage:—on
which day [6],

[5]— the FACTION of these kingdoms,] The old folios have it—
ihepation, which makes me believe the author's word was *paction*: a word more proper on the occasion of a peace struck up, A passion of two kingdoms for one another is an odd expression. An amity and political harmony may be fixed betwixt two countries, and yet either people be far from having a

passion for the other.

THEOBALD.

Prepare we &c.] The quartos, 1600 and 1608 conclude with the following speech:

Hen. Why then fair Katharine,
Come, give me thy hand ;